

DRAFT

2 MAY 1977

Honorable Melvin Price, Chairman
Committee on Armed Services
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your request for this Agency's views and comments on H.R. 6195, a bill to reorganize the Intelligence Community and to limit activities of intelligence agencies.

Possible reorganization of the Government's foreign intelligence program, including possible reform of the CIA charter, is under active consideration within the Executive branch pursuant to Presidential directive. It is anticipated that recommendations based on this review will be developed this summer. H.R. 6195, of course, touches on many of the concerns under consideration currently by this Agency and representatives of other components of the Intelligence Community. While certain provisions of this bill deserve meritorious consideration, I would take exception to many other provisions. In the interests of most efficiently reviewing the foreign intelligence program, I would defer commenting on specific provisions of H.R. 6195 until the above-mentioned Executive review is concluded. At such time I will be most happy to discuss this entire matter with you.

The Office of Management and Budget has advised there is no objection to the submission of this report from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

Yours sincerely,

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STANSFIELD TURNER
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Attached is a draft views letter on H.R. 6195, a bill introduced by Representative Harrington to reorganize and reform the CIA and the Intelligence Community. Also attached is a copy of the bill and a summary. In light of NSC/PRM-11, the draft views letter essentially puts off a detailed response until such time as the Executive branch review is completed.

Your concurrence is requested by COB 13 May. Thank you.

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H. R. 6195

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APRIL 6, 1977

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A BILL

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2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

SHORT TITLE

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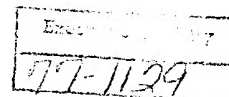
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Honorable Stansfield Turner
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Turner:

The views and recommendations of the Central Intelligence
Agency are requested on H.R. 6195, copies of which are enclosed.

Sincerely,

Melvin Price
Chairman

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Enclosures

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